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Police

The South African Police Service traces its origin to the Dutch Watch, a paramilitary organisation formed by settlers in the Cape in 1655, initially to protect civilians against attack and later to maintain law and order. In 1795 British officials assumed control over the Dutch Watch and in 1825 they organised the Cape Constabulary, which became the Cape Town Police Force in 1840. In 1854 a police force was established in Durban which would become the Durban Borough Police and in 1935 the Durban City Police (DCP). Act 3 of 1855 established the Frontier Armed and Mounted Police Force in the Eastern Cape, restyled as the Cape Mounted Riflemen in 1878.

The South African Police was eventually created after the Union of South Africa in 1913. Four years later, the Mounted Riflemen's Association relinquished its civilian responsibilities to the SAP as most of its riflemen left to serve in World War I. The SAP and the military maintained their close relationship even after the SAP assumed permanent responsibility for domestic law and order in 1926. Police officials often called on the army for support in emergencies. In World War II, one SAP brigade served with the 2nd Infantry Division of the South African Army in North Africa.

When the National Party (NP) edged out its more liberal opponents in nationwide elections in 1948, the new government enacted legislation strengthening the relationship between the police and the military. The police were heavily armed after that, especially when facing unruly or hostile crowds. The Police Act (No. 7) of 1958 broadened the mission of the SAP beyond conventional police functions, such as maintaining law and order and investigating and preventing crime, and gave the police extraordinary powers to quell unrest and to conduct counterinsurgency activities. The Police Amendment Act (No. 70) of 1965 empowered the police to search without warrant any person, receptacle, vehicle, aircraft, or premise within one mile of any national border and to seize anything found during such a search. This search-and-seize zone was extended to within eight miles of any border in 1979 and to the entire country in 1983.

After the end of apartheid, the SAP was renamed the South African Police Service (SAPS), and the Ministry of Law and Order was renamed the Ministry of Safety and Security, in keeping with these symbolic reforms. The new minister of safety and security, Sydney Mufamadi, obtained police training assistance from Zimbabwe, Britain and Canada and proclaimed that racial tolerance and human rights would be central to police training programs in the future. By the end of 1995, the SAPS had incorporated the ten police agencies from the former homelands and had reorganised at both the national level and at the level of South Africa's nine new provinces.

The SAPS headquarters in Pretoria is organized into six divisions. These are the Crime Combating and Investigation Division, the Visible Policing Division, the Internal Stability Division, the Community Relations Division, the Supporting Services Division, and the Human Resource Management Division.

Insignia

The South African Police Service badge is the organisation's single most important identifier. The badge consists of a gold eight pointed, rayed star bearing a green aloe with red flowers in the centre, within a blue annulet with the words "South African Police Service".



With the amalgamation of the ten homeland policing agencies and the South African Police in 1994, new uniforms, rank structures and service conditions were introduced under the newly-established South African Police Service.

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Reaction Unit	Reaction Unit	Reaction Unit	Dog Unit	Bomb Disposal Unit

				
Riot Unit 10	Police Assistant	COIN Training Badge	COIN Training Badge	COIN Training Badge
				
Police Special Task Force - Inspector	Police Special Task Force	Police Special Task Force	Unit 19	Riot Unit 1
				
Internal Stability Division	Internal Stability Division - HQ	Special Guard Unit	Special Constable Unit	Dog Unit
				
Internal Stability Division – Unit 4	COIN Unit - Instructor	Police Reaction Unit	COIN Unit	HAWKS







				
Cape Mounted Rifles	National Intervention Unit	SA Railway Police		











Qualification Badges

				
Special Forces Badge	Tracker Badge	Tracker Pin	Reaction Unit Bagde	SAP Cap Badge
				
Dog Unit Pin	Special Forces Pin	SAP Diving Unit	Police Diver Pin	SA Railway Police Regional TaskForce
				
Special Forces Pin	Special Forces Pin	SA Railway Police Badge	Cape Mounted Police	Natal Mounted Rifles

				
Cape Mounted Police	Cape Mounted Police	Cape Mounted Rifles Cap Badge	Anglo Boer War - Border Mounted Rifles	Anglo Boer War - Natal Mounted Rifles

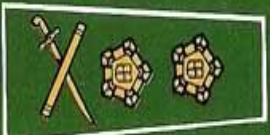

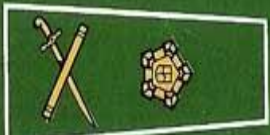









Ribbons & Medals

MEDAL IMAGE	WARRANT
	SAPS Gold Cross for Bravery Medal
	SAPS Silver Cross for Bravery Medal
	SAPS Gold Medal for Outstanding Service
	SAPS Silver Medal for Outstanding Service
	SAPS Commendation Medal
	SAPS Centenary Medal, 1913 to 2013

	<u>SAP 75 Anniversary Commemorative Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Amalgamation Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Ten Year Commemoration Medal 1995-2005</u>
	<u>SAPS Soccer World Cup 2010 Support Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Fourty Year Loyal Service Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Thirty Year Loyal Service Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Twenty Year Loyal Service Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Ten Year Loyal Service Medal</u>
	<u>SAPS Canine and Equine Star for Bravery Medal</u>
	Medal Combating Terrorism

Rank





South African Railway Police

	<i>Rangstruktuur:</i> <i>Structure of ranks:</i> Luitenant-generaal (Kommissaris) Lieutenant-General (Commissioner)		<i>Rangstruktuur:</i> <i>Structure of ranks:</i> Kaptein Captain
	Generaal-majoor (Adjunk-kommissaris) Major-General (Deputy Commissioner)		Luitenant Lieutenant
	Brigadier (Assistent-kommissaris) Brigadier (Assistant Commissioner)		Adjudant-offisier Warrant Officer
	Kolonel Colonel		Sersant Sergeant
	Luitenant-kolonel Lieutenant-Colonel		Konstabel Constable
	Majoor Major		Rekrut Recruit

Police Service

South African Police - SAP

1961 – 1995

			
Constable	Lance Sergeant	Sergeant	Warrant Officer

			
Lieutenant	Captain	Major	Lieutenant-Colonel
			
Colonel	Brigadier	Major-General	Lieutenant General
			
General			

South African Police Service - SAPS

1995 – 2002

			
Constable	Sergeant	Inspector	Captain
			
Superintendent	Senior Superintendent	Director	Assistant Commissioner
			
Provincial & Divisional Commissioner	Deputy National Commissioner	National Commissioner	

South African Police Service - SAPS

2002 - 2010

			
Constable	Sergeant	Inspector	Captain
			
Superintendent	Senior Superintendent	Director	Assistant Commissioner
			
Provincial & Divisional Commissioner	Deputy National Commissioner	National Commissioner	

South African Police Service - SAPS

2010 - Present

			
Constable	Sergeant	Warrant Officer	Lieutenant
			
Captain	Major	Lieutenant-Colonel	Colonel
			
Brigadier	Major General	Lieutenant General	General

Uniform









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AIRPLANE PICTURES







